

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and an apparatus for reducing damage caused to a circular saw blade on a delimbing machine. A step involves mounting at least one contact member to an inside surface of an access door of a saw head compartment. The at least one contact member is positioned immediately adjacent to and spaced radially inwardly from a lower circumferential peripheral edge of the circular saw blade when in a retracted position within the saw head compartment. Lateral movement of the lower circumferential peripheral edge of the circular saw blade is confined by the at least one contact member engaging a first face of the circular saw blade along the lower circumferential peripheral edge.